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Senator Tim Johnson  
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Senator Johnson,

I am writing to you about a business issue that I think is unfair to the transportation industry. A couple of years ago, the telecommunication field began charging a surcharge to companies with toll free numbers, for using payphones. At that time, the surcharge was \$0.23/call anytime a payphone was used to call a toll free number. Currently, the surcharge is \$0.47/call.

We currently have 175 drivers out on the road with many calling into the office via payphone several times a day. The additional surcharge has resulted in approximately \$650/month in added telecommunication charges to our company.

Any help that you can give us with this issue would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Mitch Johnson

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